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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains ten bound volumes of issuances of the Selective Service System dating from 1948 to 1972. These issuances are comprised of: Operations Bulletins dated August 1950 - August 1972; State Directors Advices dated July 1948 - July 1972; and Local Board Memoranda dated September 1948 – September 1972.

Operations Bulletins were issued by the Director of Selective Service to give State Directors, Appeal Boards, and Local Boards information and instruction necessary to effect immediate changes in operations; i.e., registration, classification, and induction of registrants. Because Operations Bulletins were considered purely internal communications used for supervisory purposes they were not published in the Federal Register.

More than the other issuances the Operations Bulletins dealt with issues of policy and of the interpretation of regulations which established policy. They document the responses of the System to changes in the military, economic, and social situations which determined whether, during any particular period, it was deemed in the national interest to induct individuals of a certain category into the armed services or defer them so that they might perform needed functions in the civilian economy and society.

State Headquarters of the System issued, in many cases, supplementary bulletins which further interpreted or implemented Operations Bulletins. Copies of these issuances show how national directives were interpreted in each state and, when those from several states are compared, the extent to which the localized organization of the System responded to varied local conditions and needs and allowed variation in the application of policy from state to state.

State Directors Advices were issued by the Director of Selective Service to provide State Directors with information and instruction in regard to administrative, fiscal, and personnel matters and, on occasion, in regard to the processing of registrants. A wide variety of matters were dealt with, the great majority of them purely routine and of little historical significance; i.e., lists of surplus property in the various offices of the System which might be claimed by other offices having need of it. However, these documents do show how a small but geographically dispersed agency dealt with the administrative, fiscal, and personnel regulations and practices of the Federal Government.

Local Board Memoranda were issued by the Director of Selective Service to give local board members and, more importantly, local board clerks the information they needed in the processing of registrants, directions for dealing with agencies outside the Selective Service System, interpretation of regulations governing registration, classification, and induction of registrants, and guidance in the performance of certain procedures affecting particular groups of registrants. Because Local Board Memoranda were considered purely internal administrative communications they were not published in the Federal Register. Each carried cross references to particular sections of the Selective Service System Regulations.

LIST OF VOLUMES

Operations Bulletins Aug. 1950 – Aug. 1972
Volume I, Nos. 0-36

Operations Bulletins Aug. 1950 – Aug. 1972
Volume II, Nos. 37-182

Operations Bulletins Aug. 1950 – Aug. 1972
Volume III, Nos. 183-340

State Director Advices July 1948 – Feb. 1972
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State Director Advices July 1948 – Feb. 1972
Volume II, Nos. 114-144

State Director Advices July 1948 – Feb. 1972
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Local Board Memoranda Sept. 1948 – Sept. 1972
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